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New Soviet Proposals for Long Term Exchanges

Chemicals

1. ~~In the opinion of M/Ch,~~ Promotion of a long-term exchange of chemical delegations with the USSR in principle should be encouraged since a great deal of useful [redacted] the Soviet Chemical Industry could conceivably be secured by this method. For example, there could be a net [redacted] to the US from an exchange in the fields of nitrogen compounds, fluorine compounds, plastics, the electrothermal and electrolytic chemical industries and perhaps others. To insure that the net gain would be in favor of the US, however, in some cases (notably plastics) certain technology would have to be safeguarded. In addition, the question of net gain to the US would depend in almost all cases on what installations the US delegates would be permitted to see in the USSR. 25X1X1 25X1X1

2. ~~On the other hand,~~ Some exchanges in ~~other~~ areas of the chemical industry such as petrochemicals and synthetic fibers would probably result in a net gain to the USSR.

3. ~~In short,~~ It is felt that by considering each proposed chemical exchange separately and by employing adequate safeguards of technology wherever necessary, a net [redacted] gain could accrue to the US from exchanges of chemical delegations within the USSR. 25X1X1

4. ~~Conceivably~~ There might be some difficulty in arranging for the US delegates to absent themselves from their normal duties for periods of up to six months. Since in many cases the US would stand to gain little in the way of technology, US companies on the whole probably would have to be persuaded to allow their employees to remain in the USSR for even 60 or 90 days. Again, in order to insure a net gain to the US, each exchange in the chemical field probably would have to be negotiated on an individual basis with regard to the duration of the exchange visit.

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